

This spring's Farm to Table efforts included more deliveries to senior meal sites, the expansion of the project to eight childcare pilot sites, the addition of a tribal partner to our team, as well as attention from the media and visiting dignitaries.

Senior Meal/Farm Connections

- In February, the first delivery to Senior Services' pilot site, the Central Area Senior Center, was highlighted by a visit from USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan and Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn. Media coverage included:
 - PSFN Blog: <http://psfn.org/blog/2011/03/a-big-day-with-u-s-deputy-secretary-of-agriculture-kathleen-merrigan-seattle-mayor-mike-mcginn/>
 - Capitol Press: <http://www.capitalpress.com/content/SB-Know-Your-Farmer-031111-art>
 - Seattle Times: http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014380640_apwalocalfoodinitiative.html
 - Mayor McGinn's Blog: <http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/usda-brings-healthy-local-food-to-senior-center/>
- In spite of a wet cold winter and spring, PSFN arranged produce deliveries to each of our senior meal partners in March and April, including our new F2T partner, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.
- Five farmers have participated in F2T deliveries and provide regular product availability information on the weekly Fresh Sheets PSFN developed to help senior meal sites with ordering.
- These early deliveries are helpful in determining what works or doesn't work for both farmers and meal providers.
- F2T partners visited several farms, including a tour of 21 Acres in Woodinville. The farm is a non-profit cooperative model and is building a kitchen facility which may be a great resource for training events.
- WSDA has completed preliminary assessments for all of the contracted senior meal programs and has developed a strategic plan for F2T implementation for Chicken Soup Brigade.

Childcare Pilot

- Eight childcare pilot sites attended an F2T kickoff meeting on March 23. Full Circle Farm representatives were on hand, and everyone was enthusiastic about the project.
- WSDA developed a self-assessment tool to gauge the pilot sites' readiness, ability and capacity for incorporating fresh farm produce. They are currently analyzing results and seeking feedback on the assessment tool.
- F2T team members are planning for a 2nd pilot for childcare this summer which will be an 8 week CSA delivery to home-based childcare programs in SW Seattle.
- KBCS 91.3 Green Acre radio show featured coverage of the first F2T delivery to a childcare pilot site.

- PSFN Blog: <http://psfn.org/blog/2011/04/farm-to-table-f2t-makes-its-1st-child-care-delivery/>
- KBCS Green Acre Radio: <http://greenacreradio.blogspot.com/2011/04/april-14-2011-farm-to-table-bringing.html>
- Crosscut: <http://crosscut.com/blog/crosscut/20249/Green-Acre-Radio:-How-Obama-helped-bring-healthy-local-foods-to-more-people-here/>

Other Updates

- The February issue of *Lifelines* included coverage of the first F2T senior meal program delivery: <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs024/1102771162439/archive/1104409550290.html>
- In February The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe hosted a tribal cooks' retreat which focused on using more fresh, local and traditional ingredients.
- At the April CPPW Coalition, F2T was one of the featured Farm-to-Institution projects in the purchasing/food-hub work session.
- In April, PSFN attended the Pacific NW Tribal Elders meeting in April to share information and tips on making connections with local farms.
- The May issue of *Seniors Digest* featured a Farm to Table article: <http://www.poststat.net/pwp008/pub.49/issue.1553/article.6518/>